

Dr Ian 'Mastulele' Whyte (Information provided by Dr Ian Whyte)

Dr Ian Whyte who completed his Ph.D at the University of Pretoria with a thesis titled "The Conservation Management of Elephants in the Kruger National Park". Retired recently after, 37 years dedicated service to the Kruger National Park. Born in 1947 in Vereeniging, Dr Whyte started his career in 1970 as Technical Assistant: Dept. of Agricultural Technical Services and proceeded to advance in the research field to the position of Program Manager: Large Herbivores: Kruger National Park, from which he retired in July 1997.

Dr Whyte's many talents did not stop there and as a pilot become involved in annual fixed wing census in the Kruger National Park.

As an avid birder, Dr Whyte has acted as Ornithologist in the Kruger National Park between 1985 and 1998 (Co-ordination of ornithological research and other projects - translocation of Redbilled Oxpeckers etc.).

Dr Whyte has had many other noteworthy influences on conservation such as co-authoring a book on the birds of the Kruger National Park. He has also been the sole or senior author of 16 scientific publications and co-author of 15 others, senior author of seven chapters in technical books, plus two as co-author. Dr Whyte has authored of 38 Scientific Reports to South African National Parks, and 28 articles in popular journals.

Dr Whyte is married to Merle (née Retief) and has two children, Lorna (30) who is married to Section Ranger Steven Whitfield and who currently resides in the Tshokwane section of the Kruger National Park and Neil (29), who followed his father's example in the conservation industry. He currently has five grand children.

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augrabies falls

bontebok

golden gate highlands

karoo

kgalagadi transfrontier

knysna lake area

kruger

mapungubwe

marakele

mountain zebra

namaqua

table mountain

tankwa-karoo

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vaalbos

west coast

wilderness